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Prez switching to Scowcroft for CIA

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan, moving swiftly to build a new foreign policy team, is expected to ask former National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, a member of the Tower Commission, to become his next CIA director.

Top Reagan aides told The Post last night that the offer to Scowcroft, a business associate of Henry Kissinger, is expected to come this week if acting CIA boss Robert Gates withdraws his name from consideration by the Senate.

White House officials signaled over the weekend the President is anxious that Gates withdraw his name because serious questions have been raised about his credibility and his involvement in Iranscam.

Pressure on Gates to step down came as aides to new White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker indicated over the weekend that a much larger shakeup is in the works.

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